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UNEMPLOYED PERSONS BELOW POVERTY LINE
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unemployed persons especially those belonging to the families living below the poverty line in the backward districts of the country as on October 30, 2000;

(b) whether the Government have any proposal under consideration to provide employment to them;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the details of measures Government propose to take in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

a) Number of unemployed, estimated on the basis of thin sample survey of the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO), was around 8 million in the year 1997 as per usual principal status. Their number below the poverty line is not available.

b to d) The approach of the Ninth Plan is to generate greater productive employment in thegrowth process itself by concentrating on sectors, sub-sectors and technologies which are more labour intensive, in regions characterised by higher rate of unemployment and under employment. Government is also sustaining employment generation schemes for poverty alleviation both in the urban and rural areas.